

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)
INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO WYO. STAT.)
§ 37-2-117 TO ASSURE FULL)
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORIGINS,)
METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS OF THE)
COAL STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY)
PACIFICORP, DBA IN WYOMING AS ROCKY)
MOUNTAIN POWER)

Docket No. 90000-144-XI-19
(Record No. 15280)

ORDER PROVIDING FOR
NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
(Issued June 28, 2019)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's Procedural Rules, notice is hereby given of the initiation by its Order issued June 20, 2019, of an investigation to assure that long-term resource decisions made by PacifiCorp, D/B/A in Wyoming as Rocky Mountain Power, are consistent with applicable Wyoming public utility law and the public interest, including specifically that the origins, methodology and results of the Coal Study conducted or produced and referenced variously by the Company in connection with the development of its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan is sufficiently understood by the Commission and other interested parties.

1. Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) is a public utility subject to the Wyoming Public Service Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. In connection with the development of its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), to be filed August 1, 2019, RMP has engaged in an economic analysis of its coal-fired generation units.

3. This economic analysis, or "Coal Study," referred to by RMP and others in public discussions of the relative cost of continued operation of coal-fired power generation units has been cited by various entities as preliminarily demonstrating economic justification for early retirement of certain coal-fired generation units located in Wyoming.

4. Early retirement of coal-fired generation units, that is, retirement prior to the end of their planned useful lives, may have extraordinary and profound consequences on the cost and reliability of service provided to RMP's Wyoming customers and may produce significant negative economic impacts within the State.

5. Due to the potential influence of the Coal Study's results on the development of RMP's preferred generation portfolio, the Commission initiated this investigation to provide a mechanism for the Commission and other interested parties to explore all aspects of the Coal Study, including but not limited to, its origins, methodology and results in advance of the filing of RMP's 2019 IRP to assure that RMP's long-term resource decisions are consistent with applicable Wyoming public utility law and the public interest.

6. Information about RMP's IRP process, including information related to the Coal Study, is available at: <http://www.pacificorp.com/es/irp.html>.

7. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do file with the Commission in writing on or before July 22, 2019. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

8. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please refer to Docket No. 90000-144-XI- (Record No. 15280) in your communications.

Dated: June 28, 2019.

9. Published notice in this matter shall consist of either this order in its entirety or paragraphs 1 through 8 hereof.

10. This *Notice* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 28, 2019.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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